THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Paddy, Tapioca, Pineapple, Turmeric, Ginger and Banana crops have been notified by the Government of Kerala under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS).

(b) and (c) Kerala Government has requested for inclusion of perennial crops like coconut, pepper, cashew, arecanut, ruber etc. in the NAIS.

However, perennial crops, at present, are not covered under NAIS on account of multi-picking nature of these crops and non-availability of adequate yield data.

Joint Group constituted by the Government to suggest improvements required in the existing crop insurance scheme, has examined all the relevant issues including coverage of perennial crops under NAiS and has recommended extension of insurance cover to perennial horticultural crops. Keeping in view the recommendations of the Joint group, the Government, at present, is engaged in the process of reviewing NAIS.

Agriculture Service Centres

†1191. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Agricultural Service Centres set up in the country, specially in Uttar Pradesh, State-wise/district-wise;

(b) the State/districts in which the target for setting up such centres has been fixed during 2005-2006 and whether any success has been achieved regarding these targets; and

(c) the details of the funds earmarked for this purpose during the Tenth Five Year Plan alongwith the amount spent, so far, in this regard, State-wise/district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) 9461 agricultural graduates have been trained under the Central Sector Scheme "Establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (ACABCs) by Agricultural Graduates" till 31.1.2006, of which 2739 have set up Agri-Clinics/Agri-Business Centres. The State-wise details of such Centres is given in Statement-I (see below).

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The list of Division-wise Agro Service Centres set up by Uttar Pradesh Agro Industries Corporations Limited in the state are given in the Statement-!I (Seebelow).

The National Institute of Agricultural Extension has the target of training 3500 Agriculture Graduates during 2005-06 under the scheme for the establishment of Agri-Business and Agri-Clinic Centres.

Rs. 4411.25 lakh have been allocated for this programme during the Tenth Plan out of which Rs. 2842.45 lakhs has been released to the implementing agency i.e. National Institute of Agricultural Extension, Hyderabad for conducting training activities of the scheme.

Statement-I

Progress of Agri-Clinics & Agri-Business Centres Scheme period from: 01.04.2002 to 31.01.2006

SI. No.	Name or State	No. of Graduates trained	No. of Success Stories received
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	504	165
2.	Assam	45	12
3.	Bihar	1046	225
4.	Chhattiqgarh	89	42
5.	Goa	01	—
6.	Gujarat	382	137
7.	Haryana	102	12
8.	Himachal Praaesh	18	01
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	173	08
10.	Jharkhand	174	07
11.	Karnataka	1056	467
12.	Kerala	124	15
13.	Madhya Pradesh	431	105
14.	Maharashtra	1465	596

1	2	3	4
15.	Manipur	118	18
16.	Nagaland	01	—
17.	Orissa	409	73
18.	Pondicherry	05	01
19.	Punjab	61	12
20.	Rajasthan	1285	300
21.	Tamil Nadu	396	117
22.	Uttar Pradesh	1198	366
23.	Uttaranchal	142	11
24.	West Bengal	236	49
	TOTAL":	9461	2739

Statement-ll

Division-wise agro service centres set up in Uttar Pradesh

SI.No	Name of Division	No. of Agro-Service Centres
1	2	3
1.	Jhansi	04
2.	Kanpur	04
3.	LuCknow	10
4.	Mermt	03
5.	Bareilly	04
6.	Basti	03
7.	Chitrakoot Dham	03
8.	Devipatan	03
9.	Faizabad	05
10.	Gorakhpur	05
11.	Agra	07

1	2	3
12.	Allahabad	04
13.	Azamgarh	04
14.	Moradabad	04
15.	Mirzapur	04
16.	Saharanpur	03
17.	Varanasi	04
	TOTAL:	74

Increasing organic production

1192. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the changing scenario of increased health consciousness among people, the demand for the organic produce and its products is increasing; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to increase the organic production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To promote organic farming in the country, Government has approved a Central Sector Plan Scheme, National Project on Organic Farming with an outlay of Rs. 57.05 crores from October, 2004 for production, promotion, certification and market development of organic farming during 10th Plan period with the following main components:—

(i) Putting in place a system of certification of organic produce.

(ii) Capacity building through service providers.

(iii) Financial support for commercial production units for production of organic inputs like fruits and vegetable waste compost, bio-fertilizer production and hatcheries for vermiculture.

(iv) Training, field demonstration, promotion and market development.

Besides, under National Programme on Organic Production (NPOP),